

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and,

Whereas, All Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives; and,

Whereas, Prevention is an effective way to reduce mental health conditions, which are real and prevalent in our nation; and,

Whereas, There are strong evidence-based practices and support tools all Americans can use to better handle challenges and protect their health and well-being; and,

Whereas, Individuals with mental health conditions can work towards recovery and lead full, productive lives; and,

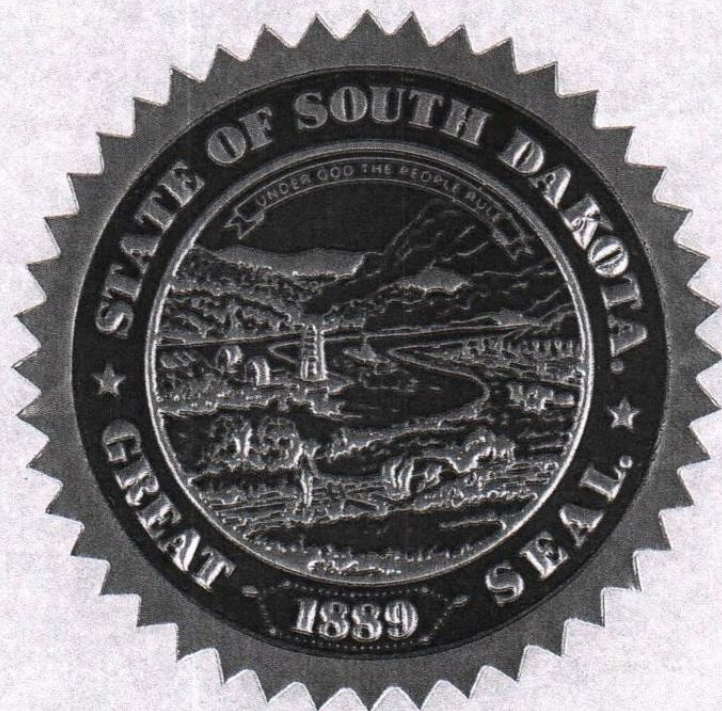
Whereas, Over 18,000 South Dakotans have received services through one of the eleven communities mental health centers across the state; and,

Whereas, Each South Dakotan has the right to access effective treatment and comprehensive coordinated mental health services in South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit to increasing awareness and understanding mental health, including the steps people can take to protect their mental health and the need for appropriate and accessible services.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State